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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 87

Introduced by Assembly Member Bogh

January 7, 2003

An act to add Section 4352.5 to the Labor Code, relating to workers' compensation, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 87, as amended, Bogh. Workers' compensation: disaster service workers: funding.

Existing law provides that a disaster service worker duly registered by a disaster council while performing services under the general direction of the disaster council or a person impressed into performing service as a disaster service worker is entitled to all the same workers' compensation benefits as any other injured employee. Existing law provides that liability for the payment or furnishing of this compensation is dependent upon and limited to the availability of moneys specifically appropriated for that purpose.

This bill would establish the Workers' Compensation for Disaster Service Workers Fund in the State Treasury ~~consisting of moneys appropriated in the annual Budget Act~~ *Treasury. This bill would annually appropriate \$663,000 from the General Fund to the fund.* This bill would provide for the continuous appropriation of moneys deposited in the fund for the purpose of furnishing workers'

compensation to disaster service workers and their dependents. This bill would require the State Compensation Insurance Fund to adjust and dispose of workers' compensation claims and provide benefits to disaster service workers and their dependents.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4352.5 is added to the Labor Code, to
2 read:
3 4352.5. The Workers' Compensation for Disaster Service
4 Workers Fund is hereby created in the State Treasury. ~~The fund~~
5 ~~shall consist of moneys appropriated in the annual Budget Act for~~
6 ~~the purposes of this chapter. The sum of six hundred sixty-three~~
7 ~~thousand dollars (\$663,000) is hereby appropriated annually, in~~
8 ~~the 2003–04 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, from the~~
9 ~~General Fund to the Workers' Compensation for Disaster Service~~
10 ~~Workers Fund.~~ Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government
11 Code, all moneys in the ~~fund~~ Workers' Compensation for Disaster
12 Service Workers Fund are continuously appropriated, without
13 regard to fiscal years, for the purposes of furnishing workers'
14 compensation to disaster service workers and their dependents in
15 accordance with this chapter. The State Compensation Insurance
16 Fund shall adjust and dispose of workers' compensation claims
17 and provide workers' compensation benefits to disaster service
18 workers and their dependents using moneys from the ~~fund~~
19 Workers' Compensation for Disaster Service Workers Fund.

